

# Alexandria Daily Advertiser.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1803.

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## Public Vendue.

On FRIDAY,

at 10 o'clock, will be sold at the Vendue Store, Rum in hogheads and barrels.

French Brandy in pipes, Gin in pipes and bls.

Whiskey and Apple Brandy in bls.

Sugar in hds. tierces and bls.

Coffee in tierces and bags,

Chocolate,

White and brown Soap in boxes,

Mould and dip'd Candles,

Raisins in kegs, boxes and jars,

Figs in kegs and frails,

Queens Ware in crates,

FURNITURE, &c.

ALSO, A variety of DRY GOODS,

Among which are,

Cloths, Coatings,

Kerseymeres, Duffles,

Plains and Kerseys,

Negro Cottons, Serges,

Halfhicks, blue Frizes,

Calimanees and Russies,

Yarn Stockings,

Chintzes and Calicoes,

Irish Linens, Silesia do.

Oshaburgs and Ticklenburgs,

Muslins and Muslin Hand's,

India Muslins and Table Cloths

Bandanna Handkerchiefs,

Coloured Threads, Hats,

And sundry other Articles.

P. G. MARSTELLER.

Nov. 10.

## Sales by Auction.

On SATURDAY,

at 10 o'clock, will be sold at the Venue Store, the corner of King and Union Streets.

Rum in hds. and barrels,

Whiskey in barrels,

Apple Brandy in barrels,

Gin in casks,

Wine in pipes and quarter casks,

Molasses in hds.

Sugar in hds. and barrels,

White and brown Soap in boxes,

Coffee in casks and bags,

Raisins in kegs and boxes,

Queen's Ware, and

ALSO,

A variety of DRY GOODS,

AMONG WHICH ARE—

Broad Cloths,

Irish Linens,

Cashmeres,

Kerseys,

Coatings,

Halfhicks,

Fearnaught,

Blankets,

Sewing Silks,

Mullin and Mullin

Handkerchiefs,

India Cottons, &c

&c.

THOS. PATTEN, Auctioneer.

Nov. 10.

RICKETTS, NEWTON & CO. HAVE RETURNED TO TOWN, AND ARE NOW OPENING, AND WILL BE READY FOR SALE IN A FEW DAYS.

Their Fall supply of Goods :

Consisting of superfine cloths, second do. coats, farnoughts, duffle blankets, point and rose do. striped kerseys, plaids, half thicks, caddars, kerseymeres, swansdowns, velvets, corduroys and thicksets, Scotch carpeting, Brussels do. stufs and wored dimities, canvas and twine, German linens, hine and sewing twine, threads and sewing silks.

And have on Hand,

70 hds. Sugar,

4 do. Jamaica Rum,

12000 lbs. Green Coffee,

2000 bushels salt.

Oct. 26.

NOTICE.

BATTALION Courts of Enquiry of the 1st and 2d battalions of the 2d Legion of Militia, will be held at the Court House in the town of Alexandria, on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the assessment of fees for non-attendance at the musters in August and September last: And a Legionary Court for the purpose of hearing appeals, and performing other duties required by law, will be held at the same place on Saturday the 26th inst. where those concerned are desired to attend.

Nov. 11.

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Notice is hereby given, THAT we intend to petition the next General Assembly of Virginia, for a law to establish a town at the Occoquan Mills, in the county of Prince William, under certain regulations.

Ellicot, Campbell & Wheeler.

Occoquan Mills, Oct. 5, 1803.

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## For Philadelphia.

The Schooner HILAND,

JOHN HAND, Master,

An excellent vessel, will sail with all possible dispatch, for freight or passage, apply to the Master on board, or to

DANIEL McCLEAN.

Nov. 15.

## For Freight or Charter,

The new Brig CYRUS,

John Johnson, Master;

Burthen 11 hundred barrels.

ALSO,

## For Sale, Freight or Charter,

The fast sailing Sloop

COLUMBIA,

Samuel Carr, Master;

Burthen about 650 barrels, lying at Prince street wharf. For terms apply to

John G. Ladd.

Nov. 12.

## For BOSTON,

The Sch'r FRIENDSHIP,

LEVI SOUL, Master;

burthen about 1000 barrels. For

Freight or Passage apply to

John G. Ladd.

Nov. 13.

## For New-York,

The fast sailing

Schooner Friendship,

JOHNQUANDRILL, master,

For Freight or Passage,

apply to the master on board,

lying at Merchant's wharf, or to

Philip Care, Union Street.

Who has for sale,

100 casks single and FF Powder,

50 kegs first quality Ground Ginger,

100 lbs. do. Shad,

40 lbs. do. Herring,

3000 bushels coarse and fine Salt, and

Best superfine Flour for family use.

Oct. 18.

## For Freight or Charter,

The Ship CATO,

ELEAZER FREEMAN

Master;

burthen 450 hds. Tobacco, a strong, staunch vessel. Apply to

Lawrafson and Smoot,

Robert Young,

William Yeaton.

Oct. 6.

## Sale, Freight or Charter,

The Ship HERO,

burthen 200 tons or thereabouts, laid

ship will carry 300 hds. or 2000 lbs.

Has on board for sale,

20 pipes HOLLAND GIN.

For terms apply to the Master on board.

Thomas Cole.

Oct. 17.

## For Falmouth and a Market.

The new Ship ANN,

Capt. Bradford,

A few hds. of Tobacco will be taken on FREIGHT, to the address of T. Middleton & Co. London, it immediate application is made to the subscribers, who will make the usual advances on it.

Robert T. HOOE & CO.

Who have received, by late arrivals from Liverpool and London, a general assortment of

FALL GOODS,

which will be opened and for sale in a few days.

Sept. 30.

## For Sale, Freight or Charter,

The Schooner

GEN. PINCKNEY,

a fine new vessel, built on this river,

or about 520 barrels, well found, and in complete

order to proceed immediately to sea. Apply to

Robt. T. HOOE & CO.

Nov. 4.

## PRESLEY JACOBS,

TAILOR, ROYAL STREET,

Respectfully informs his customers and the public in general, that he has returned to town, and is now ready to execute any orders they may be so good as to favor him with, with expedition.

He returns thanks for past favors, and hopes by his attention to merit a continuance.

Wanted a female servant capable

of doing house work.

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## For Freight or Charter,

The SHIP

Fair American,

Capt. STEVER,

about two years old, burthen 217

tons. Apply to

Janney & Paton.

Who have received and for sale on board said

vechel,

160 tons Plailler of Paris.

THOMAS SIMMS

Respectfully informs his friends and the public

## Public Sale.

Will be added to Friday's Sales,  
1. Trunk of ribbons handsomely assorted,  
1. do. chintz's & calicoes, cambric muslins &c.  
1. do. dimities, Swandowns, &c. &c.  
4. pipes 4th proof F. Brandy.

P. G. MARSTELLER.

Nov. 16.

## Notice.

THOSE citizens who have not paid their corporation taxes are earnestly requested to make immediate payment to the collector, who will attend every afternoon (first days excepted) at his store at the corner of Prince and Fairfax Streets, to receive the same.

GEORGE DRINKER, Collector.

Nov. 16.

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## BENJAMIN COCKE,

Has received and is now opening (in the house lately occupied by Messrs. Wm. H. and E. M. LYLES, in Fairfax Street,) a handsome assortment of GOODS,

AMONG WHICH ARE,

Superfine and common cloths, Kerseys, coatings, torrent cloth, kerseys and half-thicks, striped and rose blankets, flannels, fathable marseilles, toilet and swadowns for vest shapes, Irish and German Linens, long lawn, India cotton, bandanna handkerchiefs, ladies fathable shag velvet, bonnets, do. do. straw, do. white crêpe, feathers and artificial wreaths, flossed silk gloves, pick nick and lace gloves, silk and cotton cords, and tassels, Nelson ball trimming, tassel lace, do. edging, chintzes, prints, white and colored cambric muslin, do. figured, &c.

The above goods will be sold low for CASH.

Nov. 15.

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## GEORGE N. LYLES

Respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has received a general supply of

### Fall and Winter Goods,

which he offers for sale at his store in Fairfax street, on the most reasonable terms. Also,

A quantity of Seine Twine.

Nov. 10.

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## ADAM LYNN

Has received, per the ship United States, from Liverpool, an elegant assortment of Jewelry, Plated Ware, Japanned and Hardware,

which he offers for sale on low terms, at his Jewelry and Hardware Store, King street, consisting of the following articles:

GOLD brooches, rings, bracelets, watch chains, seals and keys; PLATED tea sets, castors, salts, candlesticks, snuffers and trays, &c. JAPANNED tea and coffee urns, tea trays, castors, cake, spice and sugar boxes, bread, knife and snuffer trays, plate warmers and cheese wagons—Pen and sportsmen's knives, razors, scissars, green and white ivory and other table and dessert knives and forks, green wire fenders, chamber bellows, shovels and tongs, bras candlesticks, steel snuffers, fatten wood and mahogany knife cases and tea caddies, leather backgammon boards, passage lamps with fixtures complete; powder flasks, shot belts,

### PATENT SHOT:

Gold and silver watches, epaulets, lace, cord, thread and spangles; silver dessert knives and forks, butter and cheese knives, ink stands and ladies' measures, with a number of other articles.

ALSO,

A very large assortment of SILVER PLATE, consisting of coffee and tea pots, sugar basins and cream ewers, spoons, &c. And a commencement of one case of Jewelry which will be sold very low.

He is in daily expectation of an assortment of

### Guns and Pistols,

and continues to manufacture every article in the Gold & Silversmith's Business, in the most approved style.

Oct. 26.

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## BELL and WRAY

Have received in addition to their former, a neat assortment of

Superfine and second cloths, kersey meres, swadowns, king, queen, continuation and Neilson cords, coatings, flannels, blankets, plains, kerseys, hosiery, chintzes, calicoes, endosered, black, drab, glazed cambric, and tamboured muslins, Irish lace, tickenborgs, ozanborgs, plattas, russells, calumcoons, humbezets, lustrestring, kid and Morocco shoes and slippers, with a variety of articles too tedious to enumerate, which is offered for sale at their usual low prices for cash or country produce—they offer their unfeigned acknowledgements to a generous public for past favours, and hope, from their very reduced prices, to merit a continuance.

N. B. They daily expect a further supply of the above articles, and have on hand part of a case of Negro Cottons which will be made an object of country purchases.

Oct. 26.

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**BOLTS, NAILS and SPIKES**  
May be had as usual.  
At M'CALL's FACTORY,  
Royal Street.  
All kinds of IRON WORK executed on the shortest notice.

Nov. 8.

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## Alexandria Daily Advertiser.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

The subscribers acknowledge with gratitude, the receipt of Twenty Five Dollars from a Citizen of this place, lately returned, as a donation for the necessitous poor of this town.

Andrew Jamieson,  
Alexander Smith,  
John Mandeville.

## DOCUMENTS

Annexed to the communication published in our last, signed • Numbers.

mination which will take the road in an improper direction; and, therefore, I do enter my dissent and protest against the same.

(Signed)

GEORGE GILPIN.

A board of directors early in October, fixed upon the first Monday in November, to determine the direction of the road from the top of the Trough Hill to the Ford; the Subscribers in Alexandria and the vicinity were alarmed, apprehending from a Board, whose term of service was nearly expired, resolving to determine so important a question; arose from an opinion that if the decision was deferred until a new election of officers, that the decision then made might be contrary to the views of the present Board, and if so, and that those views were contrary to the wishes of a great majority of the subscribers. Under this impression a number of the subscribers presented a request to the Board, that the direction of the road from the Trough Hill to the ford at Little River. A decision on this important question was objected to, and a petition was handed in, signed by a majority of the Stockholders who held 147 shares, being more than one half of the then subscribed shares; this petition requested that the Board would not then determine the course the intended Turnpike Road should take, that further information might be had, and the interest of the subscribers fully understood.

On a motion for postponement, which was seconded, the question was put and lost. Three of the member voted against the motion and two in favor; against this decision James Keith and myself—entered our protest, and filed our reasons with the clerk, who holds the companies papers. The question was then put and decided—three of the Board voted for the rout by Fairfax Court-House, and two by Centerville. Against this decision James Keith and the subscriber entered their dissent, and I do, for the following reasons, protest against the decision:

First. Because in the year 1795, the legislature of Virginia passed a law and appointed commissioners who were empowered to survey and lay out a Turnpike Road from Snickers Gap in the Blue Mountains, to Alexandria. The commissioners under the above law made several surveys, and a majority of them determined that a road should be laid out from the ford of Little River to Newgate (now Centerville) in the straightest and best rout, and to Alexandria.

The road from Little River to Newgate was laid out and streightened, and labour and money to a very considerable amount was expended on that part of the road.—Since which time, and in faith of the permanency of the road, a town has been laid out by Act of Assembly, at Centerville—many lots have been purchased and houses built thereon. If the road is changed as determined on above it will destroy the value of the property in said village.

Second. Because the Stockholders who have ventured their money in the fund for improving this road ought to have the best interest for their money possible, this will not be the case if the road is not carried through or near to Centerville; from this point a road would, at a period not very distant, be extended to the head waters of the Shenandoah and the South Branch of the Potomac, and receive in its way the several roads which pass the different Gaps, and by that means bring to the Alexandria market that produce which is now sent to Falmouth and Fredericksburg, for want of a proper road to Alexandria; and the road from the ford of Little River may be brought into this road, in the same direction it has heretofore had, and join at Centerville and when the intended road has been improved as far on in the Centerville rout as ten miles it will be in or very near the present road, which leads from Centerville to Alexandria, down which a great quantity of property passes, which will every day furnish tolls to aid the subscriptions; and when twenty miles is gained, a second gate will give further assistance, and the people who use the road will soon be encouraged to assist in extending it. But if the road is taken by the Court-House I have good reasons to believe that the owners of a great part of the land will oppose its passage all in their power, and large sums will be expended in that way; and the first ten miles will end where no considerable road will intersect it, and little or no toll can be collected, and the second likewise, if the funds fail before the road is extended more than twenty miles, little or no toll can or will be collected, and the Stockholders loose their money, therefore, for the interest of the Stockholders, for whom I am acting in trust, and for the benefit of Alexandria, I think it my duty to oppose the above deter-

mined road, from the beginning point to the terminating point, fixed by the statute, or in a more circuitous route, for the convenience of those landholders on the east side of Little River, who now go to Colchester, Dumfries and Fredericksburg. The commissioners, equally anxious to discharge their trust in the best and most satisfactory manner to themselves and their constituents, have obtained the most accurate information by actual surveys of officers of skill and integrity, and some or all of them have traced the lines of the different routes, and have made their own observations.—Among them no diversity of opinion existed as to the beginning, which they fixed at the bridge where Duke street is intersected by the south west line of the District of Columbia, it being the place described by the law: nor did they differ in running from thence to the Trough Hill, about four miles from town; but they differ concerning the route from the Trough Hill to the ford of Little River where the Turnpike Road now crosses, which is the terminating point fixed by law. Two of the Commissioners were of opinion it should pass by Centerville, along the present road, or nearly so, and three were of opinion it should pass by Fairfax Court House as designated in the survey of Simon Summers.

To enable the Stockholders to decide for themselves whether the minor, or major part of the commissioners have been right, and what will be best for their own interest, and for the interest of the town and county in regard to the road, a statement of facts with some observations, are respectfully offered to their consideration:

1st. It has been fixed by law where the road is to begin and where it is to end. It is to begin at the Bridge upon Duke Street, at the Columbia line, and it is to terminate at the Ford upon Little River, where the present Turnpike Road crosses that river. Neither the commissioners nor the company can change, nor da either think of changing the beginning, or the termination of the road. The beginning was fixed because the entrance at the bridge was the most convenient to the town, as now built and inhabited, and there the Columbia line diverges Northwardly into the forest, leaving the town at a distance. The termination was fixed at the Ford described, because the passage there into the Bull Run, and Goose Creek mountains is easy, and there the roads separate which lead through Ashby's and Snicker's Gaps, into Frederick county towards Stevensburg, and Winchester, in the direct course to a great portion of western country abounding in products, particularly Frederick, Shenandoah, Hardy, Rockingham, Augusta and Hampshire, counties, &c.

Thirdly. Because we think that attention ought to be paid to a request rendered respectable as well from the number of subscribers as from their stations in society.

(Signed)

JAMES KEITH,  
GEORGE GILPIN.

For the Alexandria Daily Advertiser.

To the Stockholders in the Little River Turnpike Company.

FOR many years it has been considered extremely interesting to the growth and prosperity of Alexandria, that there should be made an artificial road of gravel or stone, upon which the produce of the fertile country westward of Little River and Goose Creek, might be brought to market by the shortest distance. For this purpose the Assembly of Virginia, in the year 1795, passed an act authorising a company to be formed of voluntary subscribers, who, upon a subscription of a limited number of shares, were constituted a body politic and corporate, with the power of levying reasonable tolls, after the road should be finished in the manner and in the route directed by law. But this act having been limited to a time, within which the road was to be completed, was suffered to expire, without being carried into effect. Indeed there was not a sufficient number of subscribers for commencing the work, and these subscribers principally resided in Alexandria.—The landholders westward of Goose Creek flattered themselves with the expectation that the navigation of the rivers, Shenandoah and Potomac, might be improved so as to answer all their wishes, and others whose lands were nearer town were dissatisfied, when they found their particular farms would not be benefited by the road passing through them; for these and other reasons there were very few country subscribers.

In the year 1802, the Legislature of Virginia passed another act of the like import with the former, entitled "An Act to incorporate a Company for establishing a Turnpike Road from the intersection of Duke street, in the town of Alexandria, with the south west line of the District of Columbia, to the ford of Little River where the Turnpike Road now crosses it," which is now in course of execution. A difference of opinion having existed at the Board of Commissioners concerning the most eligible route of a part of the road, a difference of opinion upon the same matter, unfortunately exists among the Stockholders to an alarming degree, threatening embarrassment, if not disappointment to the undertaking. The matter in dispute is, whether the road shall be made in that route or tract, which combines shortness of distance with the most convenient and practicable

ground, from the beginning point to the terminating point, fixed by the statute, or in a more circuitous route, for the convenience of those landholders on the east side of Little River, who now go to Colchester, Dumfries and Fredericksburg. The commissioners, equally anxious to discharge their trust in the best and most satisfactory manner to themselves and their constituents, have obtained the most accurate information by actual surveys of officers of skill and integrity, and some or all of them have traced the lines of the different routes, and have made their own observations.—Among them no diversity of opinion existed as to the beginning, which they fixed at the bridge where Duke street is intersected by the south west line of the District of Columbia, it being the place described by the law: nor did they differ in running from thence to the Trough Hill, about four miles from town; but they differ concerning the route from the Trough Hill to the ford of Little River where the Turnpike Road now crosses, which is the terminating point fixed by law. Two of the Commissioners were of opinion it should pass by Centerville, along the present road, or nearly so, and three were of opinion it should pass by Fairfax Court House as designated in the survey of Simon Summers.

3rdly. The distance of the Forest, has been actual measurement a dispute, and the conve Turnpike Road, has the surveyors, and also route by Centerville a miles and a half further Fairfax Court house, and the written report of employed to make the partially and discretely placed, this route is after provided with material of gravel or stone, and bridges are required, at the old road, or any shall pass Centerville, necessary over Accotis suitable stone conve it, in the route by he saw none at the spot by Centerville. The report which he conf before the Board of the Report of

The ground of my House passes over land divided with stone adapt that may be necessary than on the route byence of the woodland several surveys is not Court House route cNothing would be save of the Court House. ly be made over Accotis survey by the Court conveniently a little high convenient to those I think Difficult run, run, will require final and not expensive.

The Centerville road from the Trough Hill land is flat and low unexpence of bridges, and those streams themselves; there is white boulders, but I know the place; there may near the spot to the unexpence of time exbridge; Little Rock Round Lick, Flat Lick all require bridges—about equally expensi I pretend not to know Alex. Nov. 9, 1803

4thly. The number pointed by law to be may be increased. Of and twenty are taken,zens of Alexandria; completed the commiss an estimate of the ex not be less than twenty.

From Trough Hill to house and Gum Spring less than thirty miles, the present road the distance two miles and a half, at est route there is a more than six thousanding the road, and to ex road five miles in comaved in each trip which hours. As the ordinan open, every indument gons to use the Turnpike than to make the road better. It the Turnpike road although worse is preferred, and so the respect to the upper part Fauquier, who now serville to Alexandria, stage of the Grand Tu at the Court-House or sons will not have to go but two or three miles have to travel to it if it Centerville. Indeed is that the distance from house to Centerville is

on all and every lands, tenements and enclosures through which the said intended road may be thought proper to pass and to examine the ground for that purpose, and to survey, lay down and mark out, such route or track for the same as in the best of their judgment will combine shortness of distance, with the most convenient and practicable ground: and if the proprietor or proprietors of any ground through which the said road may pass, shall require compensation for the same, and also for the additional fencing which may be thereby rendered necessary, and the president and directors shall not be able to agree with them or their agents for the price thereof, the said president and directors may apply to the court of the county in which the land lies, whose duty it shall be to direct the sheriff of the said county, to summon twelve disinterested freeholders, who being first sworn, shall view the said ground and assess the value thereof, and any other damages in the manner prescribed by an act entitled "An act concerning public roads," which assessment shall be paid by the said president and directors or their agent, before the road shall be opened through the said ground: and any ground which may be necessary to erect houses for the toll gatherers, may be condemned and paid for in like manner.

Thirdly. The distances from the Trough Hill to the Forest, has been accurately ascertained by actual measurement along each of the routes in dispute, and the convenience of the ground for a Turnpike Road, has been attentively viewed by the surveyors, and also by the commissioners. The route by Centerville as the road now goes, is two miles and a half further than the route by Fairfax Court-house, and the Gum Spring, and by the written report of Simon Summers, who was employed to make the report, and in whose impartiality and discretion great reliance may be placed, this route is over land more level and better provided with materials for making the road of gravel or stone, and upon this route fewer bridges are required, and these less expensive than the old road, or any other practicable road that shall pass Centerville. In regard to the bridge necessary over Accotinck, he reports that there is suitable stone convenient to the spot for building it, in the route by the Court-house, and that he saw none at the spot for building it in the route by Centerville. The following is a copy of his report which he confirmed upon his examination before the Board of Commissioners.

#### Report of Mr. Summers.

The ground of my late survey by the Court House passes over land more level, and better provided with stone adapted to pave, and such works that may be necessary for a road on that route, than on the route by Centerville. The difference of the woodland I passed over with the different surveys is not considerable. I think the Court House route contains the most woods. Nothing would be saved by passing the road north of the Court House. A bridge may conveniently be made over Accotinck, on the line of my survey by the Court House, and still more conveniently a little higher up the creek—stone is convenient to those places and the banks good. I think Difficult Run, Cub Run, and Awesley's Run, will require small bridges of a simple kind and not expensive.

The Centerville route I consider favorable from the Trough Hill to Accotinck; there the land is flat and low until over Long Branch; the expense of bridges and causeways over this land and those streams must be adjudged by yourselves; there is white flint stone in that neighbourhood, but I know of no building stone near the place; there may, however, be such stone near the spot to me unknown. Stone will require a causeway of some extent; Pope's Head a small bridge; Little Rockey Run and Rockey Run, Round Lick, Star Lick, Cub Run and Elk Lick, all require bridges—those small bridges may be about equally expensive on the different routes. I pretend not to know the cost of any.

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Fourthly. The number of shares at present appointed by law to be taken is four hundred but may be increased. Of these about three hundred and twenty are taken, and most of them by citizens of Alexandria; a few miles having been completed the commissioners are enabled to form an estimate of the expense per mile, which will not be less than twenty-five hundred dollars.—From Trough Hill to the Ford by the Court-house and Gum Spring, the distance is somewhat less than thirty miles, but by Centerville along the present road the distance is upwards of thirty two miles and a half, so that by taking the shortest route there is a saving to the company of more than six thousand dollars at least, in making the road, and to every waggon travelling the road five miles in coming and returning will be saved in each trip which would occupy nearly two hours. As the ordinary roads will be generally open, every inducement should be offered to wagons to use the Turnpike, and none can be greater than to make the road the nearest as well as the best. If the Turnpike be circuitous, a nearer road although worse may in some instances be preferred, and so the tolls be diminished. In respect to the upper parts of Prince William and Fauquier, who now send their produce by Centerville to Alexandria, they may take the advantage of the Grand Turnpike, by coming into it at the Court-house or westward of it. Such persons will not have to travel upon a road unpaved, but two or three miles further than they would have to travel to it if the route was established by Centerville. Indeed it is said by good authority that the distance from Alexandria, by the Court-house to Centerville is shorter than by the present

road to Centerville, and if so there seems no consideration of a public nature in favor of the circuitous route; certainly it will not be asserted that in executing a great and a permanent work, regard should be paid to the benefit of particular farms, houses of entertainment, or villages.

Fifthly, Georgetown being about three miles nearer to the country west of Little river than Alexandria, this advantage ought not to be increased by an artificial road which being circuitous shall put Alexandria almost six miles further, but on the contrary, the road should be as straight as possible to the ford, to bring Alexandria as much upon an equality in distance with Georgetown, as the nature of things will admit. For let it always be remembered that more than three fourths of the produce which is brought by land to Alexandria comes from the country westward of Little river and Goose creek.

With this view of the subject, if the directions and intention of the law are regarded, if the convenience of the greater number of people living in that country whence Alexandria is to draw its means of commerce, be regarded, if the trade and intercourse of Alexandria with the country be regarded, or if the particular profits of the Stockholders be regarded, it must be apparent that the majority of the commissioners have established the road in the most eligible route, and deserve the approbation and support of all who are influenced by no other, than motives favorable to the undertaking, as it concerns the public.

It is hoped that the subscribers in Alexandria, who were actuated only by such motives will not lose sight of their object: That they will not be induced to neglect the road from any idea, that the inland navigation of the Potomac and Shenandoah, will soon or ever be in such a state, as to enable the products of the country, naturally connected with Alexandria, to be brought generally to town by water, either in due season for the purposes of commerce, or in a safe and sound condition: and that they will not join the dissatisfied landholders, who are disappointed in the road not being laid off to suit their private estates in any manner that tend to thwart embarrass or defeat the execution of the work.

AN ALEXANDRIAN.

On Monday and Tuesday the House of Representatives was engaged in various business; the most important of which is:

The report by Dr. Eustis of a bill for the further protection of the seamen and commerce of the United States; whereby the President is authorised to issue instructions to the commanders of the armed vessels of the United States, to capture the ships and effects of the emperor of Morocco and his subjects; also to issue letters of Marque to private vessels. Read twice, and referred to a committee of the whole tomorrow.

The passage of the bill entitled "An Act to repeal the Act entitled an Act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New-Orleans, and therein to amend the Act entitled an Act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."

The report of the committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of the inhabitants of Nantucket was substantially adopted in the shape of two resolutions, the one giving the petitioners leave to withdraw their petition, under an impression that deepening the harbour is impracticable, and the second constituting a committee to enquire generally into such measures as may be expedient to promote and foster the fisheries.

(Nat. Int.)

Extract of a letter received by a respectable mercantile house in New York from their correspondent, at Malaga, dated 23d September 1803.

"Until the end of August we had the expectation of a very abundant crop of raisins, more so than any preceding year—In the beginning of September we had some untimely rain, which swept away above half the crop and materially damaged our wine vineyards. This unfortunate circumstance at the same time that it retarded the entry of fruit so early as in other years caused prices to open extremely high. We cannot recommend the shipment of colonial produce as we ever continue well supplied as long as this country can maintain its neutrality which many yet think will be the case."

The President's official paper, says, "The receipts of the Treasury are beyond calculation, and equal to the wants of government."

Ego—the wants of government are beyond calculation.

(Balance.)

From the following note in a late Paris paper, we are induced to presume that the new French Calender is about to be abolished:

"I am again asked why the year 12 is not Sexile, tho' the year 1804 is Bissextile? It is owing to the Republican Calender not having admitted the rule of intercalation, whilst there is one in the Gregorian Calender. I have negotiated during many years to have it established in the new Calender, and was on the point of succeed-

ing, but since have great reason to expect this Calender will be suppressed. I think no more of the correction I had solicited."

#### DELALANDA.

#### LETTER On the culture of Tartary Oats.

Addressed to the Secretary of the Agricultural Society of Boston—and published by order of said Society.

"HAVING had repeated assurances and several proofs of the advantageous culture of Tartary oats, I have made trial of one acre. I sowed last spring five and a half, and have reaped sixty five measured bushels. The land was in very bad order; and I could not dress it as ought to have been done, as I was just come to the farm, and could procure but very little dung. I considered oat straw a great advantage, because cattle are very fond of it, and often prefer it to hay.

The stalk of these oats is very tall, and of substance enough to support a heavy top, many of which I have counted, and on one stalk have

had 146 kernels. The usual quantity of oats raised in these parts on one acre, is from twenty five to thirty bushels. I sowed five bushels and a half; but four are quite sufficient.

If you will please to lay this before the Society, I shall esteem it a favor. They will judge of the propriety of recommending this sort of oats or not.

I am, very respectfully,

Sir,

Your most humble servant,

WILLIAM MARTIN.

WILLIAM ERVING, Esq.

Secretary to the Agricultural Society.

#### PORT FOLIO.

"THE Patrons of the Port Folio, and the public generally are informed, that on the first day of January next, the publication of the fourth volume will commence.

The friends to this establishment will please recollect, that one of the most necessary stipulations is the payment of one years subscription, (Five Dollars) in advance.

Subscriptions or arrearages will be thankfully received for the Editor, by the Editor of the Alexandria Advertiser, who is his agent in this place.

"Our Patrons are requested not to send to the Office for their Papers in future—the carrier will serve them regularly at their houses.

"NOTICE.—There will be no MARKET on Sunday till the first of April next.

"Capt. O'Meara's Packet will sail for Norfolk on Sunday Morning, wind and weather permitting.

Nov. 15.

BAYNE & CARTWRIGHT  
Lower end of Prince Street, on Harper's Wharf,  
have on hand, a general assortment of  
Groceries & Ship Chandlery,  
which they will dispose of on the usual terms.

Nov. 17.

Three Dollars Reward.

RUN-AWAY from on board the schooner Columbia, an Indian Lad, by name James Cracker—an apprentice 16 years old, about 5 feet high, full face, had on when he left said schooner, sailor's usual dress.—All persons are forbid harboring, trusting or taking him to sea, under penalty of the law—the above reward will be punctually paid to whoever will return the said lad to the subscriber on board the schooner at Harper's wharf, and all reasonable charges.

GILBERT HOWLAND.

Alexandria 11th mo, 16th, 1803. eastp

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber on the 29th of October last, a negro man slave named

B O B,

about 20 years of age, five feet nine inches high, straight limbed and well formed; said slave hath an impediment in his speech which prevents his readily replying to a question. He commonly wears ear-rings. He took with him a variety of good cloathing, a description of which is unnecessary, as it is probable he has changed them. He has been frequently seen about town since he absconded, and in all probability is now secreted by his mother, Winney Brown, formerly the slave of Mr. JOHN MUIR, late of this town, but now said to be free. The above reward will be paid for securing said Negro BOB, in any goal, and a further reward of TEN DOLLARS for the discovery of those who have been accessory to his concealment.

Captain's of vessel's, &c. are forewarned at their peril, not to take him away.

ROBERT B. JAMESON.

Nov. 15.

Cash given for clean linen and cotton rags.

#### Just received, and for Sale,

16 hds. Clay'd, 3

10 hds. Mescovado, 3

20 bbls. do.

West India rum in puncheons, and bbls.

Molasses in hds.

Peach, and apple brandy.

Cyder and vinegar in bbls.

A quantity of excellent bacon.

Herings and shad in bbls.

Ground allum salt.

30 doz. winter stockings.

linen linen by the box or piece,

And a general assortment of groceries.

We continue to keep a general assortment of bolts cloths and select the best flour for family use.

ALEX. SMITH & SON.

25 The highest price given for

Flaxseed.

Nov. 15.

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Five Dollars Reward.

LOST yesterday afternoon, a FORTY DOL-  
LARS' BANK NOTE, of the Alexandria Bank,  
and one or two notes of Five Dollars, wrapped  
up in a piece of newspaper: Whoever has found  
them, and will deliver them to the Printer shall  
receive the above reward, and the thanks of the  
owner. Nov. 15.

JUST RECEIVED,

Two warranted PIANO FORTEs,  
which will be sold on low terms if speedily a piece  
of time is made.

BELL and WRAY.

Nov. 14.

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For Sale,

A healthy, stout, young Negro Woman—En-  
quire of the Printer.

Nov. 11.

co

Wanted,

A WOMAN SERVANT capable of doing  
house work. Apply to the Printer.

Nov. 11.

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For Sale,

A good MILCH COW with a young  
CALF. Enquire of the Printer.

Nov. 11.

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FOR SALE,

A likely, healthy, young Negro Man of un-  
exceptionable character. Apply to the Printer.

Nov. 5.

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WILLIAM LADD

Has imported in the latest ships from England and  
Ireland, an assortment of  
Irish Linens and Woollen Goods,  
suitable to the season.

Oct. 17.

A Warehouse to Let.

I will rent my Warehouse, situate on King  
street, adjoining the mansion house in which I  
live, opposite Mr. J. Kincaid's. Possession may  
be had immediately. It is very convenient for  
a Grocery store, or a Flour Merchant. For  
terms apply to P. MARSHALL.

June 7.

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The Marine Insurance Association

continue to meet at their office every day from 12  
till 2 o'clock.

Wm. Groverman, Broker.

Oct. 12.

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For Sale,

Several likely NEGRO GIRLS, from 12 to  
15 years of age. Enquire of the Printer.

Nov. 16.

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JOSHUA RIDDLE

BEGS leave to inform his friends and the public  
that he has just received a very complete

Assortment of Fall Goods,  
consisting of best superfine, fine and coarse cloths,  
of every colour, kersey meres, swansdowns, thick-  
fests, fancy cords, velvets, kerseys, haliisks,  
plains and kendal cottons, rose and striped blank-  
ets, bannels, baizes, coatings, napt frizes,

I have just received, and offer for sale on reasonable terms,  
TEN SALES  
EAST INDIA GOODS,  
consisting of  
Guripore Sambals, Allibad Emerty,  
Seempore Batta, Mugga Mamoodi,  
Lucipore, do. Beerboon Gurrabs,  
Chitpore, do. Barrapooty,  
Bewra, do. Bandanna Hhfs.  
Benjamin Shreve, jun.

August 1. 200

By Authority.

SCHEME OF A LOTTERY,  
TO BUILD

A Catholic Cathedral Church,  
In the City of Baltimore.

1 Prize of	20,000
1 do.	10,000
2 do. 5000 are	10,000
5 do. 1000	5000
10 do. 500	5000
25 do. 200	5000
200 do. 100	20,000
200 do. 50	10,000
200 do. 25	5000
2500 do. 20	50,000
4000 do. 15	60,000
1st dr. tic't a/c 2000	500
1st do. 4000	500
1st do. 6000	500
1st do. 8000	500
1st do. 10,000	500
1st do. 12,000	500
1st do. 15,000	500
1st do. 18,000	500
1st do. 20,000	500
1 last drawn ticket which may have a Blank to its Number,	4000
7154 Prizes,	210,000
13846 Blanks—not 2 to a prize.	

21,000 Tickets at 10 dols. each, 210,000  
The laudable purpose of this lottery, the many  
very valuable prizes offered, and there not being  
two blanks to a prize, are considerations which  
give the Managers reason to hope for a rapid sale  
of the tickets. The drawing will commence as  
soon as a sufficient number of Tickets shall be sold  
to authorize it: and thirty days after the completion  
of the drawing, the prizes will be paid to the  
fortunate adventurers; subject to a deduction  
of Fifteen per cent. Such prizes as shall not be  
demanded within twelve months after the drawing  
is finished, shall be considered as relinquished for  
the benefit of the Church.

Tickets to be had of the Managers, or of such  
persons as may be appointed by them.

Right Rev. Bishop Carroll,  
Rev. Francis Bostick,  
Rev. Francis Bostick,  
David Williamson,  
Robert Walp,  
Chas. Ghequiere,  
Patrick Bennet,  
Arnold Liver,  
Luke Tiernan,  
F. I. Mitchell,

Managers.

Tickets in the above lottery to  
be had at the store of T. L. Washington and Co. Fairfax street, Alexandria.

August 13. raw

For Sale, by  
ROBERT & JOHN GRAY,  
WHEATON'S  
GENUINE PATENT JAUNDICE  
BITTERS,

A MEDICINE extremely useful when  
Jaundice and Bilious Complaints are so  
prevalent among the citizens of America and the  
West Indies. They are a useful and efficacious  
Medicine for curing Jaundice and Bilious disorders,  
and removing that sinking, faint, distressed  
feeling at the stomach, difficulty of breathing, loss  
of appetite, and sleepy, dull heaviness in the fore-  
part of the day, weakness and trembling of the  
limbs, dizziness of the head, and yellowness of  
countenance, complaints so common to jaundice  
and bilious people.

Also removing constipation of the bowels, ob-  
structions of urine, choleric complaints, pukings  
and purgings, indigestion, sick head ache, rheu-  
matic complaints, &c. (which arise from a collec-  
tion of sour, bilious matter in the stomach) and  
at length restoring the constitution to strength and  
vigor.

They are also found very useful to carry off  
worms, and cure ricketsy children, and may be  
used with safety in all constitutions, ages and  
sexes.

The many cures that have been effected in New  
England, by the above medicine, (as may be  
seen in the bills) prevent the necessity of further  
recommendation.

LIKEWISE,

Wheaton's Patent Itch Ointment.

The only medicine in the world which will  
certainly cure theITCH, without having in it  
any thing either dangerous or disagreeable; it  
being composed mostly of ingredients never before  
discovered or used in that disorder. One box cures  
a person, and there need be no washing after  
the use of it, as the skin is generally left cleaner and  
smoother after the use of it than before.

August 2. 2aw6m

NOTICE.

The partnership of HAMILTON & GREEN  
was dissolved by mutual consent on the first inst.  
all those who have any claims against the said  
firm, will please to call on Clement Green for ad-  
justment; also, those who are indebted will please  
to make payment as above.

James H. Hamilton,  
Clement Green.

The business, in future, will be continued  
by CLEM. GREEN.

Nov. 14.

Wm. H. and ENOCH M. LYLES,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,  
By the brig Franklin, from Philadelphia, and  
are now opening at their NEW STORE, on  
KING STREET, next door to BENNETT and  
WATTS'S.

A general and well selected Assortment of  
Fall and Winter GOODS,  
Which they will sell at the most reduced prices  
for CASH.

Nov. 5.

PHILIP WANTON

Inform his Friends that by the several arrivals  
from Europe, he has received an  
extensive assortment of

Ironmongery, Cutlery, Sadlery,  
Coach Furniture, &c.

Which are opened for Sale at his Store in Prince-  
Street; orders from his customers in the country  
will be attended to.

11th Mo. 9. 603w

HENRY K. MAY and Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,

Few quarter casks Malaga Wine,

Holland Gin,

Wrapping paper,

FF glazed Gunpowder,

Narkeens, and a small Invoice of

Canton Fancy Goods.

Nov. 1. 21w 3w

NOTICE.

THE Co. partnership of JOHN and JAMES H.  
TUCKER, will be dissolved on the 20th instant,  
by mutual consent, it is therefore requested that  
all those who may have claims against the said  
firm will bring them in for settlement, on or be-  
fore the first of January next, as it is absolutely  
necessary that a speedy close of all their business  
should take place—it is particularly intreated that  
those who may be indebted to them will be pleased  
to make payment before the above period, o-  
therwise their accounts will be put into the hands  
of an Attorney.

John Tucker,

James H. Tucker.

N. B. The Business will be continued  
hereafter as usual by

John Tucker.

November 8. 3t

Just Received,

to chests Bohea, } TEAS

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of late importations and excellent quality.

Apply next door below Col. Gilpin's, in King  
street, to

John Potts.

Sept. 1. 3z 2w

JOHN G. LADD

Has for Sale at his warehouse, Prince street wharf,  
3000 bushels coarse Salt,

15 hds W. India Rum,

30 pipes best Holland Gin,

150 lbs. Beef and Pork,

A quantity of Soal Leather and Shoes of all sorts,

50 pieces of Russia Duck,

100 boxes mould and dipp'd tallow Candles,

50 do. Spermacei

do.

7 hds. and 80 lbs. Sugar,

10 do. Molasses,

2 tons of Cordage assorted,

2 cases bandanna Handkerchiefs,

7 bales India Cottons,

1 box Perfumery, 1 do. Fans,

A few Feather Beds with Pillows and Bolsters of  
the best Ticking,

An assortment of playing and black Cards,

Bar Iron, Stone Lime refined,

Salt Petre, Ground Ginger, Pearl Ash,

Rice, Starch, Writing Paper, Glafs, Hops,

Cotton Yarn assorted, &c. &c.

Nov. 1. d

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

County of Alexandria, s.

JUNE TERM, 1803.

Elkanah Doolittle, Plaintiff,

AGAINTS

Jacob Harman and Samuel Davis, mer-

chants and partners, late trading under

the firm of Harman and Davis, and

William Hartshorne, jun.

Defendants,

In Chancery.

The defendant, Samuel Davis, no-

having entered his appearance and given security

according to the act of assembly and the rules of

this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of

the court, upon affidavit, that the said Samuel Da-

vis is not an inhabitant of this District, on motion

of the said complainant, by his counsel, it is or-

dered, that the said defendant, Samuel Davis, do

appear here on the first day of November Court

next, and enter his appearance to the suit, and

give security for performing the decree of the

Court, and that the other defendant, William

Hartshorne, do not pay away, cover, or secrete

the debts by him owing to, or the estate or effects,

in his hands belonging, to the said absent defen-

dant, Samuel Davis, until the further order or de-

cree of this court, and that a copy of this order be

forthwith published for two months successively in

one of the public newspapers published in this

county, and that another copy be posted at the

front door of the court house of the said county.

A Copy—Test,

G. DENEALE, Clerk,

S. 21. 12w 2m

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A general and well selected Assortment of  
Fall and Winter GOODS,  
Which they will sell at the most reduced prices  
for CASH.

Nov. 5.

BENNETT and WATTS

Have on Hand,  
From late importations, and offer for sale on the  
usual terms,

A general assortment of coarse Wool-

lens,

London superfine cloths and cassimeres,

D. swadowns, manilla stripes and toilanets,

Men's farrings, pealings, interlinings and farrings,

An elegant assortment of chintzes and calicoes,

Dimoties, catwicks and other muslins amongst

which are some very handsome India work,

Elegant gilt and camel's hair shawls,

Irish linens and sheetings,

Platillas white and brown,

Ticklenburgs, osnaburgs, hessians and tolls,

Best twilled farrings,

English and Scotch carpeting,

London pewter in casks,